



LEGAL ACTION REPORT

The **Historic Landscapes Subcommittee** of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission met at **12:00 pm, on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at BWS Architects, 261 North Court Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Helen Erickson, Chair
Arthur Stables
Patsy Waterfall
Steven Grede

Member Absent:

Josephine (Toni) Hilliard

2. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 (Subcommittee member Hilliard absent/excused), to approve the minutes of 1/18/16.

3. TCC Historic District - Veinte de Agosto – memorial tree

Elaine Becherer of the Mayor's Office presented a plan to add a memorial tree to Veinte de Agosto Park (Tucson Community Center Historic District). Its location and species (Aleppo pine) will replace one now missing from the original Eckbo design. The project will include appropriate irrigation and a small memorial marker similar to one now present in the park in front of another Aleppo pine in the same group.

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 (Subcommittee member Hilliard absent/excused), to approve the planting per staff plan.

4. TCC Historic District – Olive Balcony restoration

Commissioner Erickson and Elaine Becherer presented a plan for an additional demonstration / test area in the Tucson Community Center Historic District. Per the Eckbo design, turf was originally installed in a small balcony area to the north of the Convention Center. However, because of the location (which is shaded throughout the year) restoration of the original turf would most likely fail. A proposed alternative is the installation of artificial turf.

Commissioner Erickson reported a recent NAPC list serve discussion which supported such an installation on a limited basis when environmental factors made it essential. It was noted that such an installation is reversible.

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 (Subcommittee member Hilliard absent/excused), that the artificial turf be installed in this specific test area to maintain the original design intent, given the difficulty of growing turf in a sunless location.

5. Armory Park Neighborhood Inventory Project

Commissioner Grede presented a Powerpoint update on work towards a joint presentation and meeting with APHZAB on the Armory Park streetscape inventory. The meeting will coincide with either the February or March APHZAB meeting, depending on caseload.

6. Call to the Audience

No audience was present.

7. Summary of Current Events (Information only)

On March 1, Commissioner Grede will present a lecture at Pima Community College, underlining the significant role played by PCC students in scanning and mapping the Tucson Community Center Historic District plaza.

8. Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A meeting will be scheduled before the presentation / meeting with APHZAB to arrange the presentation and update inventory materials.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.